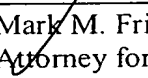


The Applicant hereby elects Group I, claims 26-45 and 51-52. The non-elected claims, claims 53 and 54, have now been canceled without prejudice.

The Applicant feels that the claims are now in order for substantive examination.

Respectfully submitted,



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